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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, IAC
FROM: Chairman, ANIP
SUBJECT: ANIP Status Report
REFERENCE: IAC-D-95

1. The IAC Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee on Information Processing has had ten meetings since it was established pursuant to IAC action of 19 May 1955. Under the directive of the IAC the sub-committee agreed upon its terms of reference as follows:

to coordinate the development and implementation of compatible systems for documentation and processing of information within the intelligence community.

2. Activities and achievements of the Sub-Committee to date:

a) Document processing systems of each participating agency were described in detail.

b) CIA arranged

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to participate in their progress on behalf of this Sub-Committee.

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c) Endorsement of the CIA Library's Intelligence Subject Code for adaptation and use by the intelligence community in indexing documents was received from AFOIN, G-2, ONI, and NSA. State and USIA are studying the problem further.

d) Most of the members of the Sub-Committee participated in a symposium on Data Handling, sponsored by Air Research and Development Command in Baltimore, 15-16 September 1955.

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3. Conclusions and Plans.

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- a) The Sub-Committee has substantially completed its review of existing systems. These have been found to vary widely in objectives, techniques and level of service afforded users.
 - b) The Sub-Committee has not yet examined in any detail the many proposed processing systems based on equipment now at the laboratory stage of research and development. However, a system known as [] which utilizes film and electronic controls to store and retrieve information now appears certain to receive extensive testing and application in some of the IAC agencies. Its practical application appears 3 - 5 years away.
 - c) Under these circumstances the Sub-Committee considers as useful immediate projects:
 - 25X1 1) programs to familiarize the intelligence community with [] including subject coding of documents and film management.
 - 2) exploration of interim measures to promote economy and efficiency in present IAC document systems.
 - d) The Sub-Committee proposes to continue its long-range study of document handling systems and related projects.

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